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During the week from 20 to 25 July 1953, State Secretary Willi Mayer announced that the HVDVP, the KVP and the security service would soon be pooled in a new ministry headed by Generalinspekteur Heinz Hoffmann. Mayer stated that Minister of the Interior Willi Stoph would no longer be responsible for the military field and would remain in charge only of the interior administration. He also said that the KVP would probably be reduced and that pertinent discussions were under way.

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Comment. A pooling of police, security service and KVP into one ministry would deviate from the organization in the USSR and the satellite countries in which the armed forces and the interior administration with police and security service are separate organizations. In view of the fact that both the armed forces and the security service were officially subordinated to the Ministry of the Interior in East Germany,

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The subordination of the KVP to the Ministry of the Interior must still be considered an insufficient attempt to camouflage the existence of military forces.

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